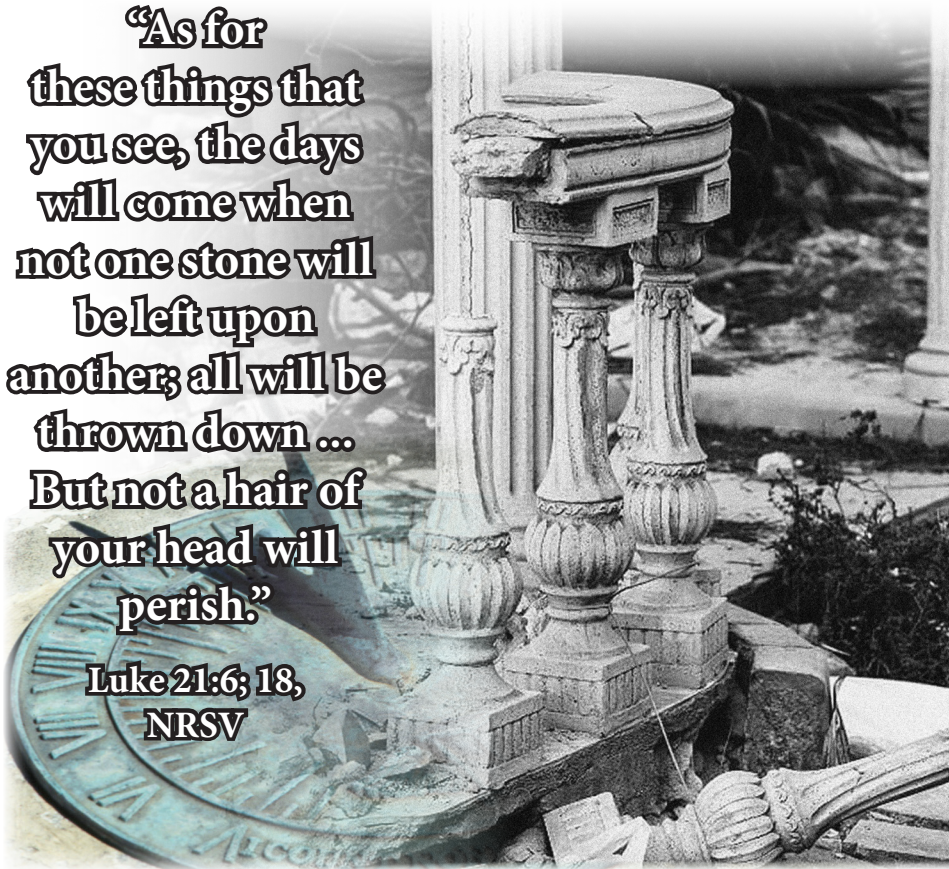


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

**“As for  
these things that  
you see, the days  
will come when  
not one stone will  
be left upon  
another; all will be  
thrown down ...  
But not a hair of  
your head will  
perish.”**

**Luke 21:6; 18,  
NRSV**



*Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church*



**We are a people called United Methodists.**  
*Open Hearts    Open Minds    Open Doors*

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church  
is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
November 13, 2022

Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.  
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.  
Please continue to social distance; Masks may be worn at your discretion.  
Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew. Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

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## WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

*Ringing of the Bell*

Prelude “Brethren, We Have Met To Worship” *Donald Husta*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Blessed are they who put their hope in God.

*People:* **The headlines may be dismal. The news may be alarming.**

*Leader:* Our hope is in the One who made heaven and earth.

*People:* **Neither violence nor fear will shake our trust in God.**

*Leader:* Natural disasters will happen. War will maim and destroy life.

*People:* **Men and women will exploit, abuse and desecrate one another.**

*Leader:* But we will hold fast to faith.

*People:* **We will work for peace and justice.**

*Leader:* We will love and care for our neighbors.

*People:* **We will trust in God who is sovereign and just.**

*Leader:* Our hope is in the Lord!

*All:* **Praise the Lord! Let us all praise the Lord who gives us hope!**

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2237 “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

*Please refer to your Bible’s Table of Contents to locate this scripture.*

*Leader:* This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*People:* **Glory to you, O Lord**

Musical Witness “Jesus Loves Me”

*Presented by Kaylee Bulliner and Layla Lutmer on Choir Chimes*

Children’s Message *James L. Crow*

Processional Hymn, UMH # 191, vs. 1 “Jesus Loves Me”

*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

*Author Unknown*

§ Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

*Please refer to your Bible’s Table of Contents to locate this scripture.*

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***People: Glory to you, O Lord.***

Recognition of Veterans

Message

“Persistent Perspective”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“God So Loved The World”

*Stainer*

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## **WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #724**

**“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”**

§ Benediction

People of God, as you depart from this place, may your eyes be set on Jesus. Whether in joy or in sadness, may you know and experience his deep love. This life is but a moment, for eternity is set before us and we have great hope. Our King is coming to make all things new. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. May you live each day in the hope of the return of our Savior. Go in peace.

—Adapted from Isaiah 65:17-19.

Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You And Keep You”

*Rutter*

Postlude

“Postlude on *Laudate Dominum* (Rejoice in God’s Saints)”

*Raymond H. Haan*

*You are invited to finish worship by listening to the Postlude.*

*If you wish to leave, you may do so, leaving quietly so others may enjoy the Postlude.*

**Facetime by the Big Bell**



**Altar flowers given by Georgalee George’s family in honor of her birthday. “Happy Birthday, Aunt Georgalee!”**

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

<b>Ushers:</b>	The Sandy Gregory Team	<b>Van Driver:</b>	Bruce Shindel
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Tim Welk	<b>Video Tech:</b>	Steve Ripley
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Cindy Anderson	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Kaylee Bulliner
<b>Facetime Hosts:</b>	Nancy Doran, Dorothy Powell, & Georgalee George	<b>Livestream Techs:</b>	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

## Announcements

- **We are holding a Worship & Waffles Planning Meeting today after service in the Parlor at 11:30 a.m.**
- **Preparing for winter is easy when you have SCRIP Cards.** Gift cards to The Home Depot, Menards, or Lowe's can purchase lawn bags, rakes, leaf blowers, and anything else you need to clean up your yard.
- **Our Church Conference is scheduled for Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** SPRC will meet in the Parlor at 5:45 p.m.
- **AGO is sponsoring a *Hymn Festival of Praise and Thanksgiving* at First Covenant Church (316 Wood Ave.) on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.** Concert starts at 7 p.m., free-will donations benefit the Rescue Mission.
- **We're holding our annual Thanksgiving Dinner!** Consider volunteering, but if you can't volunteer time, donate winter wear in the Narthex, money to the office, or, starting the week of Thanksgiving, food supplies like fresh pies, applesauce, and bottled water.
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee is meeting Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the library.**
- **Want to help a child who has a parent in prison have a more wonderful Christmas this year?** To learn more, contact Barb or Gene Ferry or an Angel Tree Representative following today's service in the Narthex.
- **Orders for Poinsettias, Christmas Cacti, Wreaths, and Pots of Greens are due by Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** (may drop in offering plate). Order forms available in the Narthex. Make checks payable to UMW.
- **Donations for Jeremiah Development are due November 22<sup>nd</sup>.** They are asking for board games, gift wrap, tape, candy canes, and winter wear for children for their fourth and final LOVE Rockford of 2022.
- **Donations of handmade scarves for the Jubilee Center are due by Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **With your help, Nurture & Outreach will decorate a Mitten Tree this Christmas for the kids of Haskell.**

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